

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6-13, 15, 16, 19, and 20 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 1, 6, 13, 15, and 16 are amended; Claims 2, 3, 5, and 14 are canceled; and no claims are added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 26,508 to Marshall; Claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 919,041 to Lieberfreund; Claims 1-4, 6, 12, 13, 16, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,209,783 to Van Horn; and Claims 5, 8-11, and 14 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

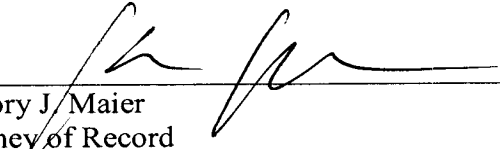
Applicant appreciates the Examiner for indicating Claims 5, 8-11, and 14 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable features previously recited in Claim 5, and further includes the subject matter previously recited in Claim 3, from which Claim 5 previously depended. As such, Claims 2, 3, and 5 are canceled, and Claim 6 is amended to depend from Claim 1. Additionally, Claim 13 is amended to include the allowable features previously recited in Claim 14. As such, Claim 14 is canceled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on Marshall, Lieberfreund, or Van Horn, is respectfully requested.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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